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News for the People in Montgomery County Government

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Rusty Wallace, Silver Spring Regional Services Center, next to one of the Radio-Television Museum exhibits that were displayed in the EOB lobby during the month of July.

Vintage Radio Exhibit A Hit in the EOB Lobby

If you had occasion to visit the Executive Office Building last month, you probably noticed the display of vintage radios in the lobby. The exhibit included a collection of antique radios on loan from the Radio-Television Museum located in Bowie, Md.

The collection of radios and memorabilia were on display courtesy of the museum and Rusty Wallace, Radio History Society (RHS) membership chair. Rusty is a program manager at the Silver Spring Regional Services Center, where he works with the community on neighborhood and regional issues. Wallace has been a member of the RHS since its establishment in 1994.

The radios on display ranged from a vintage 1920s floor model to a small plastic transistor radio popular in the 1950s, to the very modern Walkman that is used by millions today.

The Radio-Television Museum was established to educate the public about the history

and impact of radio and television technology and broadcasting. The RHS collects, preserves and interprets radio and television artifacts, programming and publications, starting with the dawn of radio and television technology in the early 1900s.

"I became interested in vintage radios after seeing a similar display in the Rockville library in 1989," said Wallace. "I consider my volunteer work with RHS a labor of love." Wallace repairs and restores radios in his spare time calling it his "therapy."

The museum is located at 2608 Mitchellville Road in Bowie, at the corner of Mitchellville and Mt. Oak Roads. It is open to the public every Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. Special tours are available upon request. Check the RHS website at www.radiohistory.org, or call 301-390-1020 for more information.

Parking Changes in Rockville Core

Beginning August 26, new security measures will be implemented to ensure the public's safety and that of County employees who work in and visit the government complex in downtown Rockville.

Visitor parking on the G-2 level under the Executive Office Building (EOB) and Judicial Center (JC) will be moved to the first level of the Council Office Building (COB) garage. This will create additional parking spaces on the G-2 level for approximately 200 County employees, who currently park in the COB garage.

Rockville core employees must reapply for parking either by filling out a hard copy application or online at the County's intranet. A "core employee" is any County employee working in the following facilities: EOB/JC, COB, Rockville Library, Monroe Street or 255 Rockville Pike.

A hotline has been set up temporarily to answer any questions employees may have. The number is 240-777-6521.

Disability Network Directory Available Online

A new resource is available online that provides a directory of providers, agencies, businesses and advocacy organizations for disability services. The directory was compiled by staff in the County's Commission on People with Disabilities and is readily available to anyone needing these resources.

According to Betsy Luecking, program manager for the Commission on People with Disabilities, the list will be updated and enhanced on a regular basis. To access the list, go to www.emontgomery.org and click on egov services, then on disability access and finally

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Overheard On the Elevator

Best wishes go to **RENEE GROVE**, Board of Elections, who was married on May 4 to Vernon Best.

Congratulations to **TIM FIRESTINE**, Finance, and his wife Deb, on the birth of their twin sons on July 25. Michael Nathaniel, 6 lbs. 9 oz. and Nicholas Owen, 6 lbs. 5 oz., arrived shortly before midnight.

Also on the new baby front, Economic Development has a couple of new Moms... **KRISTINA ELLIS** gave birth to her second child, Camryn Dawn, on April 28, who weighed in at 7 lbs., 7.4 oz. ...and **LAURA ANDERSON** is proud to announce the birth of her third son, Giovanni Manuel, weighing 6 lbs., 10 oz., who was born on June 7.

The Overtimes wishes a fond farewell to the following employees who have recently retired: **JEAN YOUNG**, Finance, after 28 years of service with the County; **BEN BIALEK**, director of the Office of Intergovernmental Relations, after 15 years of service; and **ALAN SOCOLIK**, Finance, following 24 years of service.

GLADYS KAPLAN, Housing and Community Affairs, had her first hole-in-one on July 24. Gladys aced the 145 yd., par 3, 12th hole at Rattlewood Golf Course in Mt. Airy.

Blood Drive August 14

Blood donations which are always needed will be accepted on Wednesday, August 14, in the EOB lobby auditorium, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call 1-800-448-3543 to schedule an appointment.

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County Earns 23 Awards from NACo

This year, nine Montgomery County departments were recognized with 23 achievement awards from the National Association of Counties for outstanding programs.

"I am proud of the innovative and varied programs that Montgomery County offers its residents," said County Executive Douglas M. Duncan. "These awards honor the hard work and dedication of all of our employees who work so hard to serve the citizens of Montgomery County."

The following departments and programs received awards:

Environmental Protection – Radon Survey Program; Groundwater Protection Strategy; and Solar Roofs Program

Fire & Rescue Service – Bioterrorism Hotline; ALS First Responder; Sandy Spring VFD Public/Private Partnership

Health & Human Services – Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Board; Substance Abuse Intervention in Child Welfare Services;

Housing & Community Affairs – Code Enforcement iPaq Application; Disclosure of

Merchant Complaint Records Online Application

Human Resources – The Leadership Institute

Information Systems & Telecommunications – Apartment Rental Guide Online Application and Website; Streetlight Maintenance Reporting Map Service; Wide Area Network Consolidation; Interim Mobile Data NCIC/MILES Access Program; Remote Server Backup/Recovery Services; Job Access Project

Public Works & Transportation – Minimizing Variance Between Project Budget and Prevailing Bid Market; Computer Simulation Aided Design of Ventilation Airflow at Strathmore Concert Hall; Integrated Pest Management; Electricity Cost Savings During Deregulation and Beyond

Recreation – Charles W. Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity

Volunteer Center – Mosquito aNILEator Program



County's Online Services Recognized by National Organization — The prestigious Accenture/MIT Local Government Innovator Award was recently presented to Montgomery County officials at the fifth annual eGov Conference and Exposition, held in Washington, D.C. The Department of Technology Services (formerly called the Department of Information Systems and Telecommunications) was recognized at the conference for its proactive approach in developing online services to meet the needs of the County's citizens. "I've been pleased with the fact that electronic government is taking us into the future, where we can expand our service delivery and provide those services better, cheaper and faster," said County Executive Douglas M. Duncan. "It is allowing us to be open for business 24-7, whenever our constituents need us." Pictured above (left to right) are: Duncan; Alisoun Moore, director of the County's Department of Technology Services (DTS); and Kevin Novak, technology expert in DTS.



Human Resources' Best and Brightest – Three employees in the Office of Human Resources (OHR) were recently awarded the "Best and Brightest" Award by the Local Government Personnel Association for their work on the OHR Resource Library. The Resource Library is an on-line, centralized human resources information warehouse where employees and the public can get access to a variety of forms and HR material, including health forms, provider and benefit plan information and publications such as the Personnel Regulations and Classification and Compensation Plans. Pictured above (left to right) are: Adam Santo and Lori Plazinski, Human Resource Specialists; and Kermin Tsaur, IT Specialist.

New Libraries Website Launched

The Public Libraries recently introduced a new website called "Readers' Café." The new site – www.montgomerylibrary.org/readerscafe – will contain book reviews and discussions of authors. Readers may also submit their own reviews to be posted on the site.

In addition to information on books and authors, "Readers' Café" will provide lists of upcoming titles, access to book discussion schedules, recommended reading for book



groups, supplementary materials for discussions, literary databases and links to websites related to reading.

Also available on the site are the online book discussions sponsored by the Chevy Chase Library and the original Chapter a Day Book Club that sends participants a daily e-mail of a chapter from a different book each week.

For more information about "Readers' Café," call Mary Ellen Icaza at 240-777-0060.

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

August 9 – 17, 2002

Check the website at www.mcagfair.com to get more information regarding scheduled entertainment, entry fees and how to enter exhibits.

HR Notes

Office of Human Resources

General Wage Adjustments

Look for general wage adjustments in paychecks of August 9, 2002.

Sign Up for Benefits Updates

If you haven't done so already, subscribe to an e-mail benefits update service through eSubscription, <http://www.emontgomery.org> under eGov Services. Questions related to your benefits should be directed to the Benefits Team at 240-777-5000.

Tuition Assistance Increase

FY 03 tuition assistance for MCGEO represented employees and unrepresented employees is \$1,030 per fiscal year for a full-time employee and \$515 for a part-time employee. FY 03 funds are now available. For more information, check OHR's on-line Resource Library on the County's intranet at <http://portal.mcgov.org>; click on Human Resources, then Resource Library, then follow the prompts. Or, call OHR at 240-777-5116 for a fact sheet with information on eligibility, program features, and application procedures.

Student Verifications

OHR verifies full-time student status twice each year in February and July. If you have a dependent student aged 19-26, by now you should have received a letter from the Benefits Team requesting that you verify your dependent's full-time student status for the fall semester. Don't forget to respond as requested by August 31, 2002 so that the student remains covered under your group insurance plan.

Montgomery's Best Honor Awards

The deadline for departments to submit nominations to OHR for the 2002 Montgomery's Best Honor Awards is October 1, 2002. Check with your department for departmental nomination procedures. Program information and the nomination form can be found in the Resource Library at <http://portal.mcgov.org>; click on Human Resources, then Resource Library, then Honor Awards (under HR Management).

Outlook 2002/XP Overview

The schedule for Outlook training is posted in the Resource Library. Go to <http://portal.mcgov.org>; click on Human Resources, then Resource Library, HR Management, Training/Career Development, Training Classes and Schedules.

SHARED HOUSING – Montgomery Village. Basement level w/private entrance onto deck surrounded by woods, separate bath, refrigerator, microwave, W/D, cable, phone hook-up. Utilities inc. NS/professional. Deposit w/references required. \$575/month. Available immediately. Call Patti, 301-990-8145.

TIMESHARE FOR SALE – Great Smokey Mountains in Gatlinburg, TN. Two floating weeks. Sleeps 6-8, 2 bdr., 2 bath, gas FP, LR, DR & fully equipped kitchen. Three TV's, balcony, A/C. Indoor & outdoor pools, exercise room. Great hiking, biking & skiing. Minutes from Dollywood Park. Use or bank and travel to other resorts. \$5,000/firm. Annual maintenance fee is \$410 for each week. Call Lynda, 240-777-4565 or 240-420-6113.

BEACH CONDO – Ocean City, Md. Spectacular 2-bdr., 2 bath, luxury oceanfront condo with ocean and bay views. All amenities, comfortably sleeps six. Heated outdoor pool, kiddie pool and saunas. Reasonable weekly rates. Call 301-466-1002.

'96 GEO METRO – black, 3-dr., 5-spd., manual transmission, A/C, AM/FM cassette, 45 mpg, fair condition. 80k miles. \$1,500/best offer. Call 240-777-5045.

Backpage Bargains

County employees may submit ads, non-commercial only, with name and home and office phone number to Information Office, 4th floor, EOB. **Ads may appear one time only.** Deadline for the next issue is September 13, 2002.

'91 240SX NISSAN – red, sports coupe, automatic. Recently put \$2,000 into servicing and replacement parts. \$3,200. Call 301-299-6236.

MOVING SALE – furniture, lamps, exercise equipment, big screen TV, power tools, shop stuff and much more. Queen size sleep sofa, \$150. Floral sofa, \$100. Coffee table and end tables, wood/glass, \$100/set. Everything must go. Call 301-924-4330 for appt. to see before yard sale.

FOR SALE – sleep sofa and matching loveseat, blue-gray corduroy. Great condition, rarely used. \$500. Call Arzi, 240-777-4821 or 301-498-8748.

FOR SALE – Sears 10'x8' tent, sleeps 4, \$50. Vinyl toy chest, \$10. Child's clothes hamper, white high chair & crib for dolls, \$30. Child's rattan rocking chair, \$25. Sunbeam cool spray humidifier, \$10. 2.2

liter Thermos Air Pot, \$10. 3.0 liter Thermos pot, \$20. Brass fireplace set, \$25. New laundry tub, \$15. Call Karen, 240-777-2869.

ELECTRIC TYPE-WRITER – Royal Aristocrat portable typewriter with case. \$75. Call 301-942-8515.

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT – Air Strider low-impact exerciser, like new. \$125/best offer. Call Howie, 301-620-1751.

WEDDING GOWN – white silk, long sleeves, high round neck with crinoline and veil. Eight foot train, Size 10, drycleaned. Price negotiable. Call Ed, 240-777-8969 or 301-947-7361.

POCKETBOOK – gorgeous new Coach pocketbook, "Patricia's Legacy," in black leather w/brass hardware. Retail for \$278, will sell for outlet price of \$106. Check www.coach.com for photo and dimensions. Call 240-777-2757 or 301-593-4590.

RIVERDANCE TICKETS – three tickets at Wolf Trap for 9/7/02 at 2 p.m. Seats are located in Orchestra Section R, Seats 10, 12 & 14. \$144 for all, or \$52.75 ea., or best offer. Call 240-777-1465.



Patriotic Concert a Huge Success

At the first of what many hope will become an annual event, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra performed at a "Star Spangled Symphony Spectacular," in Clarksburg on July 6. The concert was a rousing success, thanks to the hard work of the County's Department of Recreation that presented the event along with co-sponsors Chevy Chase Bank and Lockheed Martin.

"From the planning through the execution, you could sense the underlying pride of everyone involved understanding the value of this County event to provide some measure of healing since the tragedy of September 11," said Recreation Department Director Greg Bayor.

In addition to a patriotic ensemble of music, the program included the musical talents of NYPD Officer Daniel Rodriguez, as well as a special tribute to the 11 Montgomery County victims of September 11. Rounding up the night's entertainment was a spectacular fireworks display.

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on disability network directory. Bookmark the site for easy and quick reference.

For updates or changes, employees can send an email to: Gloria.Huggins@co.mo.md.us.

Executive Staff Fields an All-Star Team – At its annual employee appreciation luncheon, three employees in the County Executive's Office were awarded the office's annual All-Star Awards. Eleven individuals were nominated by their fellow employees for the first-time award. After reviewing all the nominations, a five-member committee made the difficult choice of selecting three winners. The award winners, pictured above, (l to r) are: Pat Siok, Margaret Ink and Ann Evans. Pat was recognized for her contributions to providing excellence in citizen service while demonstrating patience and a professional demeanor and frequently going out of her way to ensure that individuals with difficult problems or special needs get the service they require. Ann's ability to get along with fellow employees and willingness to help out with any office task – from opening mail and answering telephones to producing flyers and attending meetings – earned her this special award. Margaret's co-workers felt that she exemplified outstanding dependability while working tirelessly and juggling diverse assignments with competing deadlines. Each employee was presented with a certificate, several small tokens of appreciation and a check for \$250.